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TO: Each Supervisor
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW THE EXISTING SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH FOUNDATION**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy 5.100 regarding sole source contracts. It is the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to continue a sole source contract with the California State University, Long Beach Foundation (CSULBF) located in Supervisorial District Four at 6300 East State University Drive, Suite 332, Long Beach, California 90815. This is a Fiscal Intermediary Agreement for Academic Training and Student Professional Development.

CSULBF serves as a lead fiscal agency for the Inter-University Consortium of Social Work Schools, which is comprised of accredited graduate schools in Southern California, training students who are part of the Social Work Graduate Education Program. Schools belonging to the Consortium include: CSULB; University of Southern California (USC); University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA); California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Los Angeles; and California State University, Northridge. CSULBF serves as a conduit between the Inter-University Consortium of Social Work Schools and DMH, and the fiscal intermediary for the DMH Stipend Program, distributing checks to social work (MSW) stipend students committing to establish careers in the Los Angeles County public mental health system serving the diverse needs of residents in Los Angeles County, either through a DMH directly operated program or a contracted agency upon completion of the stipend program.

Additionally, CSULBF agrees to expand its role as the fiscal intermediary by agreeing to engage and recruit students from Nurse Practitioner (NP) programs within Universities that are part of the DMH Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Project. CSULBF is chosen by DMH to serve in this expanded capacity because it has an established history with DMH and the Student Professional Development Program and has demonstrated proficiency to identify and process student recipients for the Stipend Program.

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The goal of the DMH Stipend Program, with the assistance of the fiscal intermediary, is to attract bilingual and bicultural MSW and NP students interested in establishing careers working in the Los Angeles County public mental health system, who will provide services in all of the Supervisorial districts. The DMH Stipend Program reflects DMH's immediate need to recruit social workers and NPs, not only for its directly operated programs, but for its contract agencies, who are trained in a series of competencies based mental health service delivery models funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Such competencies support and promote recovery and wellness through independence, hope, personal development and resiliency for children, adults, and older adults with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. Additionally, DMH and its contract providers need social workers and NPs who are culturally and linguistically competent, able to provide services that are sensitive and responsive to the needs of local communities, and committed to address issues of ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation and religious/spiritual beliefs. Consistent with the shared vision of the mental health partnership, these social workers and NPs are trained to provide services in the least restrictive and most appropriate setting, with attention to consumer and family involvement at all levels of the mental health system. These students are also being trained to address the special mental health needs of persons with co-occurring substance abuse and emotional disorders.

The agreement for the CSULBF expires on June 30, 2010. DMH plans to request approval from your Board to renew the agreement, for a period of three years. The CSULBF agreement is funded by the MHSA. The Total Compensation Amount for CSULBF will be \$425,500 for each Fiscal Year 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13. The terms of the Agreements will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2013, and each with three, one-year renewal options.

Unless otherwise instructed by your Board office within two weeks, DMH will proceed with the sole source contract. DMH will work closely with both County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new agreement with CSULBF.

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